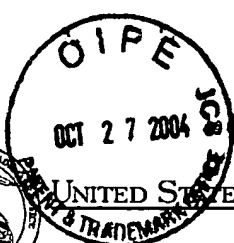


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FILED UNDER 37 CFR 1.53(b)*Filing Date Granted***Items Required To Avoid Abandonment:**

An application number and filing date have been accorded to this application. The item(s) indicated below, however, are missing. Applicant is given **TWO MONTHS** from the date of this Notice within which to file all required items and pay any fees required below to avoid abandonment. Extensions of time may be obtained by filing a petition accompanied by the extension fee under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

- The statutory basic filing fee is missing.
Applicant must submit \$ 385 to complete the basic filing fee for a small entity.
- The oath or declaration is missing.
A properly signed oath or declaration in compliance with 37 CFR 1.63, identifying the application by the above Application Number and Filing Date, is required.
- To avoid abandonment, a late filing fee or oath or declaration surcharge as set forth in 37 CFR 1.16(e) of \$65 for a small entity in compliance with 37 CFR 1.27, must be submitted with the missing items identified in this letter.

The application is informal since it does not comply with the regulations for the reason(s) indicated below.

The required item(s) identified below must be timely submitted to avoid abandonment:

- Replacement drawings in compliance with 37 CFR 1.84 and 37 CFR 1.121 are required. The drawings submitted are not acceptable because:
 - The drawings submitted to the Office are not electronically reproducible. Drawing sheets must be submitted on paper, which is flexible, strong, white, smooth, non-shiny, and durable (see 37 CFR 1.84(e)). See Figure(s) 2,4.

The applicant needs to satisfy supplemental fees problems indicated below.

The required item(s) identified below must be timely submitted to avoid abandonment:

- Additional claim fees of \$86 as a small entity, including any required multiple dependent claim fee, are

required. Applicant must submit the additional claim fees or cancel the additional claims for which fees are due.

SUMMARY OF FEES DUE:

Total additional fee(s) required for this application is **\$536** for a Small Entity

- **\$385** Statutory basic filing fee.
- **\$65** Late oath or declaration Surcharge.
- Total additional claim fee(s) for this application is **\$86**
 - **\$86** for 2 independent claims over 3.

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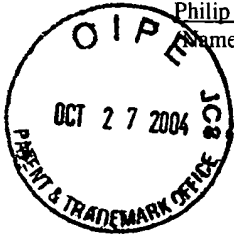
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In re application of: **ROBERT F. MILLER and DANIEL D. FREITAS**

Application Serial No.: **10/806,678**

Filing Date: **March 22, 2004**

For: **COMPOSITE METAL PIPE COUPLING AND ASSEMBLY**

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Dear Sir:

Applicant claims small entity status.

ENCLOSURES

Enclosed in response to the **NOTICE TO FILE MISSING PARTS OF NONPROVISIONAL APPLICATION FILED UNDER 37 CFR 1.53(b) *Filing Date Granted***, ("NOTICE"), which included **PART 2 - COPY TO BE RETURNED WITH RESPONSE**, please find:

- (1) **PART 2 - COPY TO BE RETURNED WITH RESPONSE;**

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- (2) Check #6386 in payment of the \$548.00 small entity filing fees (\$395.00 statutory basic filing fee + \$65.00 late filing fee/oath/declaration surcharge + \$88.00 for two independent claims in excess of three). Please charge any additional fees and any deficiency in any fees to the undersigned's deposit account no. 04-0039 (ref. 505961);
- (2) **PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME**, PTO/SB/22, and our check #6387 in payment of the associated extension fee;
- (3) **DECLARATION FOR UTILITY OR DESIGN PATENT APPLICATION**, PTO/SB/01;
- (4) **POWER OF ATTORNEY**, PTO/SB/81, specifically, a separate **POWER** signed by each inventor;
- (5) **PETITION TO ADVANCE EXAMINATION OF APPLICATION** and
(6) supporting **DECLARATION** by applicant; and
- (7) Stamped, self-addressed acknowledgment postcard.

CONDITIONAL PETITION FOR ADDITIONAL EXTENSION OF TIME

If an additional extension of time is required, that is, if it is or becomes necessary to extend the period for response beyond the period requested in the accompanying **PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME**, please consider this a petition and request for such additional extension of time and authorization to charge the associated extension fees to our deposit account, 04-0039 (ref. 505961).

Respectfully submitted,
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Oct. 20, 2004

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